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March 11, 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable  
The Secretary of State

ATTENTION : Ambassador William S. B. Lacy

SUBJECT : Support for the East-West Exchange Program

In connection with the recent agreement reached with the Soviet Union with respect to East-West exchanges, we have had certain discussions with Ambassador Lacy with regard to the support which this Agency might be able to render. In this connection we have also considered the policy guidance in NSC 5607 of June 29, 1956, which states "the US should take the initiative in East-West exchanges as a positive instrument of United States foreign policy" and directs "the Secretary of State and the Attorney General to continue to cooperate in developing and applying appropriate security safeguards with respect to the admission of Soviet and Satellite nationals to the United States." NSC 5607 also refers to the various benefits to be derived from the East-West Exchange Program.

This Agency has a legitimate and proper interest in supporting the Exchange Program within the limits of funds and personnel which may be available to it and allocable to this particular work. I believe that the degree of our participation should be determined on a case by case basis by mutual agreement between us and in consultation, as necessary, also with the Department of Justice.

In view of the statutory prohibition in the National Security Act of 1947 against performance of any internal security functions by the Central Intelligence Agency, it must be understood that by

rendering assistance in the handling of Soviet Bloc delegations and visitors to this country, this Agency does not assume any internal security obligations. We shall continue, however, as in the past, to furnish to the Department of State and the Federal Bureau of Investigation pertinent information of a security nature [redacted]

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I have instructed my representatives to discuss all details, including the degree of our participation and the establishment of any new procedures which may be necessary, with representatives of the Department of State and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director

cc: The Attorney General  
The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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